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Chas. Waring.

A HOME WORKER representative had an occasion to call on Mr. Chas. Waring the Sales Manager of The Knoxville Philatelic Society, at his office on Clinch St. the other day and found him eagerly bending over a large album of stamps.

"Mr. Waring, you certainly have a fine collection of stamps."

"Yes, I suppose I have about as fine a collection as there is in Knoxville, at least, I have a greater number of varieties. This album here is only one of six in which I have my varieties mounted, and if you will notice, I keep them well arranged for ready reference."

"When and how did you first become interested in stamp collecting?"

"I first began collecting stamps when a boy and have been an earnest devotee ever since.

In the spring of 1851, while still a small boy, I paid a visit to a lawyer relative in Ireland who had a large correspondence in Great Britain and colonies and now and then a letter from a foreign country. He did not believe in giving money to small boys without some return, so he paid me for small services; one of my duties being to cut up sheets of postage stamps (then unperforated) and arrange them in boxes for use

I soon began to admire the different colors and designs, and commenced to paste into a pocket-book the prettiest of used stamps found in the waste basket, or picked up here and there.

From this time I collected almost all used stamps I come across and several now in my collection have been in my possession ever since.

In 1856, while at school near London England, I gave an old lady friend 5000 stamps to help get an orphan into an asylum; Wish I had them now to sort over.

During my college and professional years I was too busy to give much time to stamps; but held on to those I had and about 1874 in Knoxville, I began to arrange my stamps alphabetically in a blank book, having no catalogue to guide me. Soon after this I procured a catalogue and started to buy stamps to fill up vacancies.

During the past 12 years I have devoted considerable time to philately and gradually learned something of perforations, grills, water-marks, texture of

paper, shades, surcharges, etc., but still I know there is much to learn.

In 1890 I joined the P. S. of A., and bought and sold some stamps through the Society before it broke up, and in 1893, through the influence of Dr. S. B. Boyd, the worthy President of the K. P. S., I became a member of the A. P. A. Since then I have been buying stamps and selling duplicates right along.

I have now 8 900 varieties, all coutries, mounted in six albums and have never (knowingly) sold any but duplicates. I prefer buying from approval sheets; in this way you can examine stamps before purchasing. Still, I have bought at auction sales, (by mail,) also by order from A 1 dealers and have always got value for my money, though I prefer the approval sheet method for adding to a collection of 5000 or over.

I consider philately an interesting way of passing time which might be worse spent. I have collected minerals. fossils, coins, and birds' eggs and consider stamp collecting whips the lot,

From a commercial standpoint, a collection of stamps judiciously made is a good investment. Rare stamps have increased largely in value in the last ten years and I see no reason to doubt that they will continue to grow more valuable with time. Besides, many stamps now obtainable for a song, may become rare and rise in price by a change of government or design or other cause."

"I suppose these boxes contain duplicates."

"Yes, just three million!"

Why she Tolerates Stamps.

A collector's wife being asked if she took the same interest in stamps as her husband, replied: "I hate the sight of stamps; but my old man's business occupies all his day time, and the mounting of them in his album and other mysterious performances connected with them keeps him at home nearly every night. Occasionally the odor of benzine is worse than the cigar smoke and the maid complains of the difficulty of removing those little sticky bits of paper from the carpet."

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Have you any good U. S. or foreign stamps for sale, cheap? If so, send them to me with lowest cash price, if satisfactory, remittance will be made by return mail or returned with postage. Address, Chas. P. Galyon, Box 842, Knoxville, Tenn.

A Chance for Hustlers.

Probably no other paper comes so near filling the want of a family newspaper as PENNSYLVANIA GRIT, which gives away free, a complete story each week, It's publishers wants a hustling agent in every town in the state not already supplied. Brigh boys and girls, who are looking for a chance to make money, should write for terms and sample copies to GRIT PUBLISHING CO., Williamsport, Pa.

Mrs. Cliff's Yacht.

Frank Stockton's new story, "Mrs. Cliff's Yacht," which begins in the April Cosmopolitan, promises to be one of the most interesting ever written by that fascinating story-teller. Readers of "The Adventures of Captain Horn" will find in "Miss Cliff's Yacht" something they have been waiting for.

A Waltz by Sousa.

John Phillip Sousa will contribute the musical feature of the April Ladies' Home Journal. The famous band-master has been induced to turn aside from marches to write a waltz, which he has christened "The Colonial Dames Waltzes."

An Up-To-Date Philatelic Subject:

"Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie,
Which we ascribe to heaven. the fatal sky,
Gives us free scope, only doth backward pull,
Our slow designs when we ourselves are dull."

Often have I been asked the query: what is and what ought to be called an up-to-date philatelic subject, or any other subject for that matter, but qnite as often have I answered my questioners, in about, (not wishing to enter the inner recesses of thought,) the same manner as did the distinguished lawyer, when being importuned by his youthful student, with the question: what is equity? after a little thought, said: "Oh, that's easy enough to answer, equity, hum, equity is equity." Just so, I say, did I reply to my questioners, saying: "well, an up-to-date subject is an up-to-date subject." Doubtless, my answer did not satisfy them, and consequently, in the following lines. I intend, oh gracious! not to inform you what an up-to-date philatelic subject is, but merely to give you a few hints as to what such a subject ought to be:

Every subject, whether it be philatelic or no, must have spirit, and first of all, I might say, that without spirit it is not up-to-date.

After you have the required spirit, or rather, when you are in the right spirit, base your subject on a grand, profound and extremely delightful idea. Make your subject a character of intellect, because, when compared with other subjects it will be at once distinguished by its mental superiority. Your subject may be intellect kindled into romance by a poetical imagination. Intellect elevated by religious principles, intellect animated by spirit, intellect softened by sensibility. Undoubtedly you will place some wit in your subject; make it profound, pointed and sparkling. Wit should be the powerful essence of your article, it should be like an altar of roses, rich and concentrated, like cotton dipped in aromatic vinegar, like sal volatile, like incense wafted to heaven.

Make your writing so interesting that critics may come to a unanimous and æsthetic estimate. Every reader, whether he be philatelist or no, should enjoy and admire it, and each one should understand and interpret it alike; unlike some of the plays of our ancient poets, where every reader interprets it in his own way. This is all right in such plays, but it is not in philately, where every stanza should be clear, every epithet to the point.

Lastly, but not in the least, do I urge you to clear away any obscurity which may rest in your article before sending it for publication. If we only do this, less of our numerous productions will be consigned to the waste basket,

and more of them will be accepted for publication

JULIUS L. COHN.

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NOTE.—Doubtles the thought entered your mind: "Wonder why J. L. C. wrote the above article." Very little explanation, I think, is necessary when you will consider this fact alone, that for very many moons past, have I been musing this thought to myself, viz:—"How many of our (so-called) beginners shall some day be the constellation of our philatelic world?" Consequently, the very thought impulsed me to give them a few words of advice.— J. L. C.

From and to our Correspondents.

Here are pathetic queries as to whether there is no way for a beginner to get ahead, save by the usual approval sheet and bankruptcy method. Suppose we make a way! How would it do, after investing in a packet or two, to establish a series of Home Worker Exchange Circles, to which no one with over 1.000 varieties need expect admittance. and which, unlike the Exchange Department of Societies, shall have small expenses, except that of postage?

The idea, roughly outlined, is as follows:

Those wishing to join must send their names with good references and a small fee to a manager, the only officer required, who will arrange them according to localities into circles of five or six members. A of each circle will then prepare and send sheets to B, B to C etc., each passing along the sheets received after taking any stamps wanted and signing in the emptied space until they reach the one before the owner, who, instead of returning them, will forward them to the manager. This officer will then return the sheets to be made up afresh for the next circle enclosing with them a statement concerning the debt to, and of, each member; any member whose debt side outweighs the credit, must immediately remit the difference (less a certain per cent) to the manager, who will, once in a stated time, square matters throughout each circle.

Now how does the idea seem? Some are delighted with it. Suppose you send your opinion, adding any suggestion that may occur to you, and then if there is interest enough we will try next month to elect a manager, prepare sheets, and get things in running order.

Here is a contributed item that will interest post-mark collectors: "Two cities, Milwaukee and New Brunswick, have adopt-

ed the new plan of putting a stamp on the back of letters received at the post-office, which, besides giving the hour at which the letter is received, gives the weather forecast for the following day. The scheme is approved by the postmaster general, and all postmasters are authorized to adopt it if they think proper." It is quite a common thing to see the weather bulletin somewhere in a post-office, but on the back of every letter! that is decidedly unique. I would really like to see one of those postmarks.

Who, oh who, was responsible for the suggestion that each of our states adopt a different postage stamp? Haven't we collectors worry enough already to whiten our locks and lighten our pocket books?

AMY L. SWIFT.

NOTES.

Mr. E. S. Martin speaks of perforated grill on the back of the present issues of the U. S. since December last. He says: "The government has impressed on the backs of the stamp what might be termed a 'perforated grill,' a series of perforations extending across the middle of the stamp from north to south and east to west. This gives the paper the appearance of having been run through the perforating machine twice."

We would suggest to the writer if he will take perforated paper and place a number of sheets on top of each other, the weight of the sheets will cause the perforations to appear on each sheet, especially if the sheets have any mucilage on them, and are not placed with the holes directly over each other. Hence the perforated grill.

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The Elusive Plate No. 170.–Several times during the past two months we thought we had the right pane of the plate, No. 170. Well, we were right, but found on examination that it was the left pane that was wanted by us, either the lower or upper left pane. It is more than likely that they have never been supplied to this region, or we would have found them ere this.

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Two of our collectors made a nice "pick up" during the month. The Lynchburg, Va., Local, on the original envelope. Only two copies could be obtained.

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We call on the S. S. S. S., to protect us from the Grecian Stamps, to be issued, commemorative of the games and posterities took place long ago. Mr. Alix Tsimis of Athens has notified most of the collectors here that

he will purchase the above stamps at 10 per cent. above face value post free. He also says he can send the same cancelled, if so desired.

(Knoxville.) AMERICUS.

The collecting of plate numbers of our own stamps after the manner of our English cousins, promises to be a fad that will not soon die out. Already there are collectors and dealers who are interested in plate collecting. Some fancy prices are asked and given for certain numbers. A New York dealer has issued a price-list, devoted entirely to pricing the various plate numbers of recently issued stamps.

The still-hunt for the dollar values of the unwater-marked stamps of the 1894 issue, continues and bids fair to out-rival that of the one dollar Columbian. The collector who secures each new issue of stamps as they come out, not only saves time, but money.

The issuing of a £1, £10 and £25 stamps by the colony of British Central Africa looks very much like that the authorities had heard of stamp collectors, and were waiting for orders. Surely if the United States can worry along 46 years without the need of a higher denomination than 90 cents, a little insignificant country, with a population less than Rhode Island, don't need any $50 to $100 stamps. We earnestly invite the attention of the S. S. S. S., to this negro colony.

The "Chicago Observatory" informs us that there were three printings of the famous 2c. 1894 issue, (counterfeit.) They were prepared by the same process and come in two dies.

Die I is dull, rather rough work and dark color. They were printed in sheets of 25.

Die 2 presents a much better appearance. being clearer and were printed in blocks of 10.

The Californian Philatelist thinks that the 'spreading' of stamp collecting was due to the fact that Duke, Sons & Co., affixed 20,000,000 stamps to as many cigarette pictures, as an advertising medium. We do not think that this influenced the collecting of stamps very much, if it influenced it at all,

We agree with The Eastern Philatelist, that the auction business is being carried to excess, and is detrimental to philately. The E. P. says: "Personally, we have no fear for the decadence of philately, but we believe there are too many stamp auctions. Collectors, in the excitement of buying at auction, spend more money than they intend to, or oftentimes can afford; hence, the stamp dealer who conduct no auc-

tions are not receiving the patronage they have hitherto enjoyed."

JULIUS L. COHN.

Patriot Stamps.

New York, March 4.—The Patriot Cuban Government has authorized an issue of postage stamps to be used in the transportation of all mail matter within the interior of Cuba as well as to foreign ports where the use of a special messenger service is necessary, This is the first decree issued by the new government, from which a source of revenue is to be created.

The regime has established a system of prefectures throughout that portion of the island controlled by it, and a part of the duties of the prefects is to attend to the forwarding of all mails. The revenue derived from the new charges are partially to defray the expenses of these officers. Any excess is to be turned into the Treasury.

The new stamps are of the following denominations and colors: The 2 cent stamp in gray; 5 cent stamp in blue; 10 cent stamp in orange, and 25 cent stamp in green.

Literary Notes.

The Delineator.

The March number of the Delineator is called the great spring number, and is especially valuable and interesting because of the early forecast it contains of Spring and Summer Styles and Materials for Ladies, Misses and Children. The first of a series of articles on current events of interest to women, by Mrs. Frederic Rhinelander Jones, appears in this number. Mrs. Oliver Bell Bunce contributes an instructive article on Perfumes and other Toilet Preperations; Lucia Gilbert Runkel brings to the discussion of literature as a profession for women the authority of acknowledged celebrity as a writer, while Tillie Roome Little has a bright and helpful description of some new and pretty Luncheon and German Favors in silk and other materials.

The Personal Side of Washington

General A. W. Greely, of Arctic fame begins in the March LADIES HOME JOURNAL, his articles on George Washington, which are expected to create considerable discussion. General Greely has read over 2000 of Washington's private letters, and he writes in a frank, unbiased way of the personal side of Washington. His first article will deal with the loves and courtships of Washington and his final marriage to the widow Custis. General Greely's articles are not likely to confirm the estimate of those who regard Washington in an ideal way. But they are truthful and admirably portray the man as he was,—in reality.

What it means to be President.

Ex-President Harrison's next article in his series in THE LADIES HOME JOURNAL will tell what it means to be President of the United States. He will outline the presidents power, his duties and how he discharges them; the trials and annoyances to which he is put, and show what the central idea of the president is and how he tries to carry it out. General Harrison also explains what relation each cabinet holds to the president, and tells of his own relations with his cabinet when he was president.

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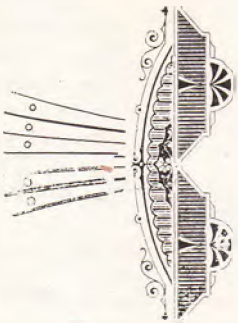

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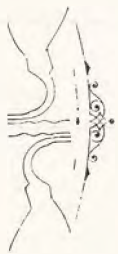

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JULIUS L. COHN.

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"Your January issue I found quite an improvement, and I hope it will be a great success."

ROY F. GREENE.

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"Pray accept congratulations on the present shape of THE HOME WORKER. It is a vast improvement over the first issues."

AMY L. SWIFT.

Last month sample copies of THE HOME WORKER were mailed to a number of stamp collectors in the United States, which induced quite a number of them to subscribe. However, we believe that all good collectors should become subscribers, and to those who have not already sent in their subscription, we again send a sample copy of this month's issue as a cordial solicitation to hasten it in so as not to miss a single copy during '96.

THE HOME WORKER should be read by every stamp collector, whether a beginner or advanced collector, it will teach you much that you should know in order to collect the obsoletes intelligently.

Correspondents Wanted.

We desire a correspondent to furnish us from one half to a column, each month of NEWS NOTES, etc., from New York City, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Boston, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., San Francisco, Cal., Chicago, Ill., Denver, Colo., Detroit, Mich. and Canada. For further particulars address THE HOME WORKER, Box 842, Knoxville, Tenn.

For a short time, in order to secure new subscribers we will give one year's subscription to The Monthly Philatelic Advertiser, one year's subscription to The Philatelic Californian and one year's subscription to THE HOME WORKER to any one sending us a 40c. postal money order. The three papers subscribed to

singly would cost you 70c. but by ordering through us you save 30c, Better order now, as this offer may not appear again. Address THE HOME WORKER, Knoxville, Tenn.

"Up-to-date" is our motto, and up-to-date we must and will be, therefore we date this issue of THE HOME WORKER April instead of February. Those who received a copy of our paper last month are acquainted with the fact that the delay was caused in the organizing of and our making arrangements with The Knoxville Philatelic Society to form a stock company with the necessary funds with which to publish and improve THE HOME WORKER. After perfecting all arrangements, in February, it was decided to go right on with the delayed issue, No. 1, Vol. 3, with the expectation of gaining ground by degrees, until caught up, but owing to the crowded condition of job department, we are compelled to grasp Father Time by the forelock in order to keep pace with him and live up to our motto.

As this issue, dated April, as it should be, places us on an equal footing with Time, a good society with members of means who are standing ready to lend a helping hand, we can faithfully promise our subscribers an "Up-To Date" Philatelic Magazine on time.

Advertising space on first page of cover is for sale to reliable dealers, and for cash in advance. If you are interested drop us a card asking for "Special Rate Card No. 2," which gives you all the information you desire.

Some very intere ting notes from Editor Greene, which came too late for this issue, will be published next month.

Correspond nce regarding Philatelic societies desired, also articles on general Philatelic matters, news items, etc.

WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM

Under this head a note will be made of Catalogues, Price-lists, etc., received.

W. Elliott Woodward Co., 36 Broonfield St,. Boston, Mass., catalogue of a magnificent collection of United States and British North America stamps to be sold at auction, March 11, 12 and 13. It contains some valuable stamps and will no doubt bring some good prices.

A. C. Townsend, 66 Loan & Trust Building, Washington, D. C., his 1896 Price-list of United States stamps. Mr. Townsend is well known as an upright and honest dealer, and through his fair dealing with collectors he has increased his business to such an extent that he announces that for the year 1896, his whole time will be devoted to his stamp business.

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The object of the Society is to promote a friendly intercourse between the members, by holding monthly meetings, when each will have an opportunity of increasing their collections or disposing of their duplicates. At these monthly gatherings, various Philatelic subjects will be discussed, tending to the development of Philatelic knowledge. Many collectors are entirely at sea in the mysteries of perforations, water-marks, plate numbers, varieties, etc., and many "a good thing" has been lost through ignorance.

There are quite a number of collectors in this city, with collections ranging from 10,000 varieties down, and the aim of the Society is to enroll every one, as a member, at the same time, it is intended to welcome collectors from all points.

The Exchange Department can be utilized by members for the sale or exchange of stamps and books to hold 120 stamps will be supplied by the Superintendent at the nominal price of 5c. each.

Applications for membership can be obtained from the Secretary, H. Fenton, Drawer 9, Knoxville, Tenn., Initiation fee, 25c. Annual dues, 25c.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Society was held at the office of the Secretary February 3rd., President Boyd in the chair. All the local members being present. The date of the monthly meeting was changed to the Friday following the first day of the month. The usual "Sale and Barter" took place, and the Secretary made a short address on "Hints to Beginners," and after some social intercourse the meeting adjourned to meet at the office of the Vice President on the 6th. of March.

Hints to Beginners

At the February monthly meeting of The Knoxville Philatelic Society, the Secretary made a short address to the members, taking the above as his subject, and while the "hints" are mainly intended for the younger members of the craft some of them (which are not claimed as original ideas,) may be new to some of our readers. He said, that in the first place, every collector should have a Catalogue; Perforation Guage; Bottle of Benzine; Blotting Paper and some clear water

Without a Catalogue we are entirely at sea, but with it, we can add variety after variety to our collection, at times, with very little expense, but it requires some study. Take for example the Austrian issues of 1861, 1877, 1883, etc., and note how many different perforations there are, ranging from 9 to 14, again; St. Vincent half penny from 1883 and 1883—88 issues, both the same in appearence, but perforated 12 to 14, making a difference of $1.97 on the value of an unused specimen. And so, I could give instances without limit almost, and right here the earnest student gets in his work, picking up specimen after specimen that are good stamps, for a song, because he knows the difference in perforations. But you will say: how are we to find out all this? It is very simple; here is a guage, now I take the stamp and (as I prefer it) lay the stamp on this black space, which is exactly 20 milometers wide, and count the number of perforations, and I want you to bear this in mind, that you only count the number on the 20 milometer space and not the number on the stamp. 20 milometers is the standard and on the number of perforations in that space is based the catalogue count.

We will now see what use we have for the Water, Blotter and Benzine. You should see that all paper is removed from the back of the stamp, and this is best done by placing it between some damp blotters and applying some pressure, it is much more satisfactory than soaking them off in a bowl of water; good stamps are frequently damaged, if not utterly ruined by the thorough saturation. Now your stamp is clean and if you see from the catalogue that there is a likelihood of there being more than one water-mark, such as Crown C. C and Crown C. A., in a number of the British Colonies we will place it face down on this black substance, a tile or piece of Japanned iron will answer the purpose, and drop a little benzine on it What is the result? the water-mark shows up quite plainly and then you have no trouble in finding from your catalogue to what issue it belongs and placing it correctly in your album.

We will now see what album is best for the young collector. I think one of the cheaper kind with illustrations at the sides, but no regular spaces for the different issues will answer the purpose best at first, but when you have from 500 varieties up, you must look for a better one such as those issued by Mekeel or Scott. I used the first named for a long time, and by the way, it would be a great improvement, if instead of filling up the extra space with the illustrations of the stamp they inserted the descriptive color. I have found it more complete than Scott's in a great many ways. If they would omit the costly errors which the majority of collectors will never even see, we might have a chance of filling our pages. If you do get an "Error," it is almost worthy of a page for itself, with a gilt frame thrown in. The time will come, however, when you will tire of your "picture book" and if you do and want a book that is not costly, have some good paper ruled in faint lines up and down the page about $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch apart, get a heavy border line with a space at the top for the name of the county, and then you can space to suit yourself and specialize to your hearts content if you wish to.

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Notes and articles for this department should be sent to the editor.

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Mass.

Our next issue will contain an able article on "How to Collect Postmarks," setting forth the best method known by which they can be successfully and rapidly arranged so as to show up to the very best advantage and at the same time to avoid the creeping in of duplicates, etc. It will be well worth reading.

Sal Soda, Ala. Old Glory, Ariz. Big Bug, Ariz. Tip Top, Ariz. Tin Cup, Colo. Santa Claus, Ind. are names of post offices.

Railroads

It is the custom of large philatelic papers to discuss at great length the advisability of collecting or not collecting this, that or the other. Now it is surcharges, again reprints, and so on.

Fortunately the collector of Postmarks knows not the surcharge, neither doth the reprint cast a glow over his enthusiasm. But we are obliged to face a subject very similar in character.

Shall we collect the railroad Postmarks? I pondered over this question for some time, and decided that they were to be strangers to my collection. In almost every respect they are undiscernable. There is no known limit to their number, and they cannot be classified or catalogued, leaving the collector completely at sea. It is also very difficult to keep track of the varieties you happen to possess, and duplicates will creep in continually. To be sure, they are bona-fide post-marks and many collectors have large numbers of them, but they are very unsatisfactory, when compared with the regular office-marks. OKLAHOMA.

A Galaxy of Names.

Sixty-eight thousand post-offices are a great many and it is amusing to see the trouble caused new offices by the host of names represented by the above figures and a cause for wonder and admiration at the almost perfect manner in which the postal service is conducted. Many odd names are resorted to by the numerous new offices springing into existence each year. A great majority of names are duplicated as high as five

times, while the more popular, even number from fifteen to twenty.

The post-office named Washington is situated in 36 states and territories, and carries off the palm as a popular name.

All great men and historical names are on the list as well as all but 8 states in the Union; nearly all the nations. islands, etc,

Instructive.

The collecting of Post-marks is considered by some a "crazy fad," and not worth the time and patience it consumes in sorting, registering and arranging each mark. Yet, I fail to see where Post-mark collecting is any more "crazy" than stamp collecting. In my opinion, the collecting of Post-marks is exceedingly instructive, for I know of no way in which one can become familiar with the geography of this, or other countries, except by a close study of Post-marks. Again as a help in memorizing geographical names, post-marks are invaluable In my own case, I have added much to my store of geographical knowledge by collecting the marks; studying and arranging the little square slips of paper, until I have become so familiar with the names of towns and villages, that at the mere mention of one, its state immediately comes to mind.

I doubt if I would have ever heard of such villages as McGinty, La., and Lower Peach Tree, Ala., had it not been for Post-marks, for neither of those towns have gained importance enough to occupy a position on a map. Thus it seems to me the most fascinating mode of studying the geography is by collecting the little marks; not collected together thoughtlessly as a mass of paper clippings, but studiously giving each mark an opportunity to imprint itself on your memory, and you will be surprised at the many cities. towns and villages you will have at your command. It is so satisfactory upon hearing the name of an unfamiliar town to be able to give its state without either exposing ones ignorance or rushing to an Atlas.

Post-mark collecting is yet in its infancy, but I hope the time is not far distant when the ranks will be filled with enthusiastic collectors. LOLA ROATH.

An Improvement.

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